



MEMORANDUM

To: City/County Directors of Environmental Health
District Directors

From: Roger C. Sokol, Ph.D., Director *RCS*
Bureau of Water Supply Protection

Date: July 7, 2015

Subject: NYS Water Infrastructure Improvement Act Grants

For your information, the recently enacted State budget provides \$200 million in grant funding over three fiscal years to fund municipal drinking water and wastewater infrastructure projects that focus on improving water quality and protecting public health.

The attached press release announcing the availability of these funds was issued on July 1, 2015. For the current State Fiscal Year, \$50 million in grant funding will be available to assist in funding water infrastructure projects - \$30 million for clean water (wastewater) projects and \$20 million for drinking water projects. The drinking water projects that provide the greatest reduction in risk to public health may receive up to 60% of a project's cost with a maximum grant award of \$2 million. Preference will be given to hardship communities with 75% of the drinking water funds being reserved for these projects. We encourage you to share this information with your communities.

Applications for this funding are now available and due by September 4, 2015. Municipalities may obtain applications and more information about this program at: www.efc.ny.gov/NYSwatergrants. The Environmental Facilities Corporation (EFC) is hosting a public webinar on July 16, 2015, to provide an overview of the new program. Interested parties should check the EFC website for details about the webinar.

If you or your staff have any questions about this new grant program please contact Michael Montysko, P.E. in the Bureau of Water Supply Protection at michael.montysko@health.ny.gov or at (518) 402-7650.

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